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United Tribes Technical College

UTTC is a federally recognized, tribally controlled college and a designated 1994 Land-Grant Institution. Chartered in 1969 by the United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation, UTTC is operated by five tribes: the Arikara, Hidatsa, and Mandan Nation (the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold); the Spirit Lake Nation; the Sisseton–Wahpeton Oyate; the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

UTTC's charge is to be a premiere leader in education, tribal cultural preservation, technology, research, tribal arts, and the humanities. UTTC aspires to independence, which is in line with its mission for tribal self-sufficiency and self-determination. Through its entire history, the college has maintained its commitment to the economic, social, and cultural advancement of American Indian families.

UTTC was founded to provide a community in which Indian people can acquire an education and obtain employment. Programs evolving over the years have kept this initial purpose in mind, providing not only occupational education and training but also individual and social skills in a culturally relevant setting. The college provides housing, recreational facilities, a child development center, and an elementary school for its students and their families. UTTC also offers counseling, placement, medical services, transportation, and other support services, all focused on the unique social and cultural context of its students. For over 40 years, UTTC has served more than 11,000 American Indian students from more than 75 different federally recognized Indian tribes across the Nation. UTTC is pleased to partner with USDA–APHIS in managing the 2010 NGPCLC program.



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Northern Great Plains Cultural and Land Connections Program

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What Is the Northern Great Plains Cultural and Land Connections Program?

“Safeguarding Natural Heritage: Northern Great Plains Cultural and Land Connections” (NGPCLC) is a 2-week outreach program for teenagers with an interest in plants, agriculture, and natural resources. The program allows students to live and study on the campus of United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, ND, learning about science from both American Indian and western perspectives. Students will learn from tribal elders, college professors, and working scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

The 12-day NGPCLC program is for students 14 to 17 years of age who want to learn more about safeguarding their natural heritage, both within and outside the reservation lands of North and South Dakota. Students chosen to participate in NGPCLC will learn and gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, discussions, and field trips. Students will also participate in cultural and team-building activities.

Who Is Sponsoring the NGPCLC Program?

UTTC and APHIS are joining forces to sponsor NGPCLC. For 2010, the Administrator of APHIS is funding the event. The agency’s six line programs—Plant Protection and Quarantine, International Services, Wildlife Services, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Veterinary Services, and Animal Care—are furnishing instructors. UTTC is hosting program participants and coordinating all activities on their campus in Bismarck. UTTC will make a variety of materials available to NGPCLC students in order to facilitate learning about plants, agriculture, and natural resources. UTTC staff members Ms. Pat Aune (Land Grant Director) and Dr. Jen Janacek-Hartman (Director of STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics] Programs and Education) will facilitate the program.

How Much Will It Cost?

Students selected for the 2010 NGPCLC session will pay only the cost of transportation to get from their home to the UTTC campus on June 14 and back home on June 25. The cost of tuition, room and board, and lab supplies for the program will be covered by APHIS.

How Do I Apply?

Students between the ages of 14 and 17 are eligible to apply for admission to NGPCLC. *Note:* You must be at least 14 and no older than 17 as of June 14, 2010. You must submit a complete application package before **May 21, 2010**. Packages postmarked or hand delivered after that date will not be accepted.

- A short essay entitled “How my interest in agriculture and natural resources can help me, my community, and the country.” In the essay, include information on your interests, hobbies, and hopes for the future. Be sure to include your full name, age, address, and home telephone number.
- Two letters of reference from people not related to you who know you well. At least one of the letters must come from a teacher or counselor.

Mail your completed application to:

Ms. Pat Aune
United Tribes Technical College
3315 University Drive
Bismarck, ND 58504

Applicants may also submit their packages to Ms. Aune at the UTTC campus in Bismarck. All hand-delivered materials will be date-stamped on receipt; no paperwork submitted after May 21, 2010, will be accepted.

By the first week of June, UTTC will let you know if you have been selected for this summer’s NGPCLC program. Meanwhile, if you’d like to learn more about APHIS or UTTC, visit these Web sites:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>
<http://www.uttc.edu>

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